

Remarks / Arguments

The claims were subjected to a restriction requirement, to which an election of Group II was made, with traverse, as explained in the Office Action.

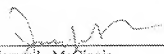
The Examiner found the claims to be allowable over the prior art, and issued an office action closing prosecution on the merits under *Ex Parte Quayle* so that the claims can be amended to conform to the restriction requirement.

Claims 1-45 have been canceled and a new set of claims has been submitted to simplify the process of amending the claims. New claim 46 is based on Claim 6, using the definitions from Claim 4, which have been further narrowed to conform with the restriction. R¹ in Claim 46 is based on Claim 15. The dependent Claims have been amended to fit the reduced scope of the claims based on the Restriction Requirement.

Claim 43 was re-written as new Claim 55 as agreed previously. Claims 44 and 46 were cancelled and were not rewritten as new claims.

It is believed that this is a complete response to the restriction requirement. If the Examiner has any question regarding this response, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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